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WASHINGTON (NANA)—Has the Democratic campaign run out of gas? Stevenson-Kefauver campaign aides are going to unusual pains to head off a growing feeling that the Democrats reached their peak late last month, that their best was not good enough to capture the presidency.

The pulse takers, both amateurs and professionals, have come back to Washington during the past 10 days with a surprising unanimity of impressions:

The Democratic organizations are in such good shape that the Democrats probably will win the House and stand a good chance to take the Senate again.

But Adlai Stevenson has not made much of a dent in President Eisenhower's personal popularity. Nor have enough voters who like Ike been persuaded to vote against him because they prefer the Democratic Party. Stevenson had been coming up, but the drive faltered as the areas of diminishing returns are hit.

The Democratic position is this: The Stevenson drive has reached a new high plateau. He is in better shape than he was before Labor Day. Now that the President has been fighting back to defend the Republican Party, more and more "normal" Democrats and Independents will think about the "differences" between the parties and will come over to Stevenson.

Wave of the Future

Joe Stalin must be chuckling in his grave over the Suez crisis. In a way, he predicted it and his prediction is preserved in Winston Churchill's "Triumph and Tragedy," published in 1953.

Churchill was recounting the discussions at the Yalta Conference (1945) about formation of a world organization, which eventually became the United Nations.

The conference had turned to

discussions of an American plan for a Security Council in which the "Big Four" would have to be unanimous to reach any important conclusions. This was the "veto" proposal, and was finally put into the charter.

Stalin said the proposal was not clear to him and then, in Churchill's account, the Russian premier expressed these thoughts:

He said he feared that, though the three great powers were allies today, and none would commit any act of aggression, in 10 years or less the three leaders would disappear and a new generation would come into power which had not experienced the war and would forget what we had gone through.

"Some system," Stalin said, "must be elaborated to prevent conflict between the main great powers."

Suppose, for instance, that China as a permanent member of the Security Council demanded the return of Hong Kong (a British crown colony), or that Egypt demanded the return of the Suez Canal, Stalin continued. He assumed they would not be alone and would have friends and perhaps protectors in the assembly or in the Council.

Churchill reports he replied that the powers of the world organization could not be used against Britain if she was unconvinced and refused to agree.

Stalin said he feared that disputes about Hong Kong or Suez might break the unity of the three great powers.

Churchill replied that he appreciated the danger, but, he added, the world organization in no way destroyed normal diplo-

matic intercourse between states, great or small. It would be foolish, Churchill continued, to raise subjects in the world organization if they might break up the unity of the great powers.

P.S. The Suez crisis is now before the United Nations. Normal diplomatic channels already have been tried.

Basic Information

Another clue to the future make-up of the Republican cabinet, should Ike win again.

Allen D. W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, rents a fashionable house in Washington from Massachusetts Gov. Christian Herter.

Gov. Herter has advised the CIA chief to start looking for other quarters. The Governor expects to need the house himself next year.

Previous unconfirmed reports had put the Governor's new job in the State Department.

Judicious Political Mixture

The Senate next year will have to confirm the appointment of William Joseph Brennan Jr. as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Theoretically, the appointment of Brennan could be blocked if the Democrats swept the November elections and, at the beginning of the next congressional session controlled both the Executive Branch and the Senate.

But Justice Brennan, who replaces Associate Justice Sherman Minton, is a Democrat and a Catholic. Some campaign aides of the Stevenson-Kefauver forces particularly those concerned with the "nationalities," want Stevenson to make it clear he will go along with Justice Brennan's appointment if he takes control.